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Message from the Mayor

Dear members of the community:

It has been a pleasure serving you for the last year and a half. Let me share with you some of the community improvement projects that have been in development, and are now reaching their final stages:

- The Seneca Drive Roundabout has been reconstructed.
- Construction on the Police and Public Works building at 606 Modoc Lane is expected to be completed by August 2018.
- The Rolph Drive Green Street project expected completion date is May 30th.
- We are now on 18 hours service coverage with our Town Police Department. We are working towards a transition to 24 hour service.
- Community Garden is expected to be completed by June 2018.
- Development on the Forest Heights Community Park is underway. It is located adjacent to Henry's Soul Food.
- 10 pet waste stations will be arriving in late May 2018.
- 2 new Big Belly trash cans will be placed in high traffic areas

Thank you to all our residents for supporting these endeavors to make our community stronger. We welcome any suggestions that you may have. Please share your thoughts by emailing Ms. Kathleen Via at kvia@forestheightsmd.gov.

Do you have a question you would like to ask at the Town meetings, but are unable to attend? Email the Town Clerk, Mrs. Sherletta Hawkins at shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov

Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad

Mayor/Council Work Session Meeting

Monday May 7, 2018 7:30 PM

Mayor/Council Town Meeting

Wednesday May 16, 2018 8:00 PM

Reminder: Trash and Recycling will NOT be picked up on Monday, May 28, 2018. It will be picked up Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

No Yard Waste pickup for that week.

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Town Community News

COUNCILMEMBERS START NEW TERMS

The town of Forest Heights welcomed new Council members Calvin Washington, Brian McLaurin, and Jonathon Kennedy II. Congratulations to the new members. The Town can look forward to a productive legislative session. The next Mayor/Council Workshop will be held on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:30pm. The Mayor/Council Town meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 8pm. We welcome residents to attend these meetings and let their questions and concerns be heard.



PET STATION LOCATIONS ANNOUNCED

- Updated park circle at the intersection of Rolph Drive and Woodland Drive.
- Entrance to Bell Acres Park
- Entrance to Tayac Park via Terrell Avenue
- Next to paved walkway on small community park located next to Henry's Soul Food Café.
- In the Tot Lot on the intersection of Mohican Drive and Fox Way.
- On the entrance of the driveway of the Municipal Building.
- Near the intersection of Comanche Drive and Livingston Road
- On the walkway located by the intersection of Sachem Lane and Cree Drive
- Near the intersection of Terrell Avenue and Arapahoe Terrace.

A. It shall be unlawful for any owner, possessor, keeper or harborer of a dog to permit said dog to be upon public streets, sidewalks, roadways, alleys, or any other person's property within the Town except when under restraint by leash or similar device and conducted by a person competent and able to control said dog.

E. When walking a dog by owner, possessor, keeper or caretaker it is required that all excrement be immediately removed from public or private property.

Section 7.3: Penalty

Any person violating the provisions of this Article shall be guilty of an infraction and shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense. Repeat offenders may be assessed a fine not to exceed \$200.00 for each repeat offense.

Thank you to all the residents who offered suggestions. Stations are expected to arrive soon!

Attention Ward III Residents

Councilwoman Taunya Hines and

Councilman Brian McLaurin will be hosting a Meet and Greet for residents of Ward III on Sunday, May 6, 2018 from 2-4pm at Town Hall. Light refreshments will be served. Take the chance to discuss your concerns and suggestions with your elected representatives. We want to hear your feedback on how to improve our town.

WELCOME NEW POLICE OFFICER



The Town of Forest Heights officially welcomed our new police officer, Jordan Bennett, onto the force following the swearing in ceremony held on April 2, 2018. Congratulations to the new officer. We know that he will serve the Town and its residents with integrity.

FOREST HEIGHTS DAY

It's that time of year! The Town's Forest Heights Day Festival is happening on Saturday, August 4th, from 11AM to 4PM. We will have food, booths, and entertainment starting with our parade at 10AM.

The event will feature many groups, including the Limitless All Starz in the parade and Faces 4 U at the Festival.

We are looking for volunteers and vendors to help make this a special community celebration. Stay tuned for more announcements to follow!

From the Town Code Enforcement Department:

Section 11.2-B of the Town Ordinance Code mandates that all yards, lawns, lots, and vacant areas immediately adjacent to improved property should be kept clean from weeds and brush exceeding 8 inches in height.

scoop it. bag it. trash it.

Town Community News (continued)

MAYOR AND COUNCIL THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 01 - 18

A CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND AMENDING, CORRECTING OR RESTATING SECTION 33-71 (CONFLICTS OF INTEREST) OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL EXCEPTION PERMITTING SWORN POLICE OFFICER APPOINTMENTS OR ASSIGNMENTS TO THE CURRENT EXCEPTIONS TO THE RESTRICTIONS PROHIBITING THE HOLDING OF MORE THAN ONE TOWN OFFICE OR POSITION AT ANY ONE TIME BY TOWN OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES, AND GENERALLY RELATING TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND LIMITATIONS ON HOLDING MULTIPLE OFFICES OR POSITIONS IN THE TOWN GOVERNMENT.

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad



CLEAN UP GREEN UP

The Town of Forest Heights held its Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 21. Our volunteers picked up trash along Indian Head Highway, Livingston Road, Forest Heights Elementary School, and the Community Garden. We were also excited to have the Alice Ferguson Foundation aboard to assist with our efforts and provide an educational demonstration on biodegradability.





The Town had tremendous turnout, with 47 volunteers, over 30 bags of trash and 11 bags of recycling collected, and an

immeasurable amount of civic pride displayed. Thank you to all our volunteers for your

commitment to making Forest Heights a greener community, with special thanks to Councilwoman Taunya Hines, the Forest Heights Limitless All Starz Dance Team, and all our residents who volunteered. We look forward to our next cleanup, on Saturday, October 20th, 2018, and hope you will join us!



FOREST HEIGHTS HEALTHY HEIGHTS SEMINAR FEATURE: SMOKE DETECTORS

The Town of Forest Heights was excited to host our seminar on the new smoke detector law and fire safety on April 9. We discussed how to create safety plans for families and general smoke detector tips. Thank you to the members of the Prince George's County Fire Department for your time and for an informative session. Call 311 if you are interested in a free smoke alarm installation.





FOREST HEIGHTS HEALTHY HEIGHTS SEMINAR FEATURE: ALZHEIMERS AND DEMENTIA

We will be having our seminar on Alzheimer's and

Dementia on Monday, May 14, at 1pm, with a special guest presenter from the Alzheimer's Association. Food will be provided. Call 301-839-1030 if you are interested in attending.



Please be advised!



Spring is here, which means more children will be outside playing in the street. Make sure to check behind your car before backing up and practice heightened awareness after school hours.

Local Forest Heights

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Town Community News (continued)

Trash/Recyclables should be placed at the Curb the Night before Collection

PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 a.m.

MONDAY-Recycle, Trash and Yard Waste

THURSDAY-Bulk. Call ahead for METAL PICK-UP

Metal placed on the curb will be picked up by Public Works for a minimum of \$35.00 paid in advance.

Propane Tank Pick-ups are \$30 each.

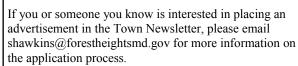
Remember to use paper bags, not plastic.

Remember to Recycle!



Trash, Yard Waste, and Recycling will <u>NOT</u> be picked up on Memorial Day (May 28, 2018). It will be picked up on Tuesday. Town Hall will also be closed on Memorial Day.

The Town Community Garden, located on North Huron Drive, is open and ready for business. Plots are going fast, so be sure to call 301-839-1030 to reserve your spot.





The Summer 2018 Continuing Education classes at PGCC will be starting in May, so be sure to register soon. Students can use the Owl Link at pgcc.edu, mail, or visit the Office of Admissions to sign up for classes. Call 301-546-0159 for any further questions.



The Town of Forest Heights will be hosting its free Kids to Parks Day on Saturday, May 26, 2018 from Noon to 4PM at Bell Acre's Park. It will feature games, snacks, outdoor play, and face painting. Come out and have a great time!

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